

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings, July 9, 1957

The first meeting of the Board of Public Service was called to order by Collins E. Thornton, Director of Public Service at 7:30 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Commissioners Milks, Reniger, Rhead, Tietz, Walker, Woodmancy, Yanz—7.

Absent—Commissioner Stabler—1.

By Commissioner Rhead—

That Commissioner Milks be appointed temporary chairman.

Carried.

By Commissioner Rhead—

That Commissioner Milks be nominated for President. Motion was made by Commissioner Reniger that the nominations be closed.

Carried.

Commissioner Woodmancy called for unanimous vote for Commissioner Milks for President.

Carried.

By Commissioner Reniger—

That Commissioner Rhead be nominated for Secretary. No further nominations were made. Commissioner was elected by unanimous vote.

Carried.

By Commissioner Walker—

That Mr. Collins E. Thornton be appointed Director of Public Service. Commissioner Reniger moved the nominations be closed. Mr. Thornton was appointed Director of Public Service.

Carried.

By Commissioner Tietz—

That Robert R. Backus be appointed City Engineer. No further nominations were made. Mr. Backus was appointed City Engineer by unanimous vote.

Carried.

By Commissioner Milks—

That Commissioner Rhead, Reniger and Wilker be appointed to the rules and procedure committee.

Carried.

By Commissioner Tietz—

That the first Wednesday of each month be set as the regular meeting date of the board. The time for the meeting to be 7:30 P.M.

Carried.

By Commissioner Rhead—

That Roberts Rules and Procedures be adopted as a temporary guide and that the President be authorized to call special meetings of the Board within two days notice to each member.

Carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Michael Balzer, referred to the Board by City Council, requesting extension of sewer to serve Mr. Balzer's property.

That the request be denied.

Board adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

ROLAND RHEAD,  
Secretary

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings, July 24, 1957

July 24, 1957.

The Board was called to order by President Milks at 7:30 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Messrs. Milks, Reniger, Stabler, Tietz, Woodmancy, Yanz—6.

Absent—Messrs. Rhead and Walker—2.

Present—Mayor Crego, Councilmen Heller, Kircher, Potter.

Minutes of the previous session were read and approved as printed.

Mr. Porter of McNamee, Porter and Seeley, gave a report of the Sewage Study of Lansing and the metropolitan area with the recommendations of his firm as a result of their study.

Moved by Mr. Stabler and seconded by Mr. Reniger that the Board approve the report on sewerage for Lansing and the Metropolitan area as presented by Mr. Porter and that it be referred to the City Council for further action.

Carried.

The Rules and Procedure Committee submitted the Administrative Rules of the Board for approval.

Moved by Mr. Reniger that the Rules be adopted and submitted to the City Attorney for approval in accordance with the City Charter, and further moved that the terms of the present President and Secretary of this board shall, upon approval of the Administrative Rules by the City Attorney, run only until the first regular meeting following July 1, 1958.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Reniger and supported by Mr. Tietz that the incinerator at the Sewage Plant be rebuilt in accordance with the budget allowance for such work.

Carried.

Letter from Mr. Wyllie, Superintendent of the Sewage Plant, asking that he be allowed to ask for bids for the painting of the water tank and gas holders at the Sewage Plant.

Carried.

Quotations for the purchase of a pickup truck and a carryall were opened and read. The bid of Bud Kouts Chevrolet being the lowest bid for the pickup was accepted. he bid of Bill Burgess being the lowest bid for the carryall was accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

MALCOLM MILKS,  
President.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings, August 7, 1957

August 7, 1957.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by President Milks at 7:30 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Messrs. Milks, Rhead, Stabler, Tietz, Walker, Woodmancy, Yanz—7.  
Absent—Mr. Reniger—1.

Mr. Reniger was excused from the session.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

The following committees were appointed by President Milks:

**Buildings and Building Maintenance:**  
Woodmancy, Stabler, Reniger.

**Sewers and Sewage Disposal:**  
Stabler, Tietz, Woodmancy.

**Garbage:** Tietz, Walker, Yanz.

**Streets and Sidewalks:**  
Reniger, Yanz, Rhead.

**Mobile Equipment and Maintenance:**  
Rhead, Woodmancy, Walker.

Communication from the City Council regarding proposed charge for sidewalk permits to contractors and property owners.

Referred to Committee on Streets and Sidewalks.

Communication from the City Council concerning a petition from property owners in area of Olds, William, Division, Sycamore, and Pine Streets for relief of drainage.

Referred to Committee on Sewers and Sewage Disposal.

After a discussion by Collins E. Thornton, concerning the drainage situation in the Eton Downs, Country Club Park, and Holly Park Subdivision areas, it was moved and supported that this be referred to the Committee on Sewers and Sewage Disposal for further study.

Carried.

A letter from the City of Lansing Plumbing Board concerning the waste connections on the Super Food Market Frozen Food and Vegetable Storage Cases.

Referred to Committee on Sewers and Sewage Disposal.

A letter from the City of Lansing Plumbing Board regarding the City of Lansing Fixture fee not meeting the fee required by the State Plumbing Law.

Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Sewage Disposal.

A letter from Robert Backus, City Engineer, requesting permission to repair the Michigan Avenue Bridge per quotations submitted.

Moved and supported that the City Engineer be authorized to repair the Michigan Avenue Bridge.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

ROLAND RHEAD,  
Secretary.

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings, September 4, 1957

September 4, 1957.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by President Milks at 7:30 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Messrs. Milks, Reniger, Rhead, Stabler, Tietz, Walker, Woodmancy, Yanz—8.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Francis Fine re: proposed housing project on Section 31 of Lansing Township.

Received and placed on file.

Letter from George Wyllie with tabulations of bids to paint gas holders at Sewage Plant.

The bid of the Duffy Paint Company of \$2,990.00, being the lowest bid, was accepted.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Sewers and Sewage Disposal to whom was referred the letter

from the City Plumbing Inspector concerning the waste connections on Super Food Market frozen food and vegetable storage cases reports as follows:

That the changes as requested by the Plumbing Board be approved and forwarded to the Ordinance Committee of the City for approval and insertion in the plumbing regulations.

Carried.

The Committee on Sewers and Sewage Disposal to whom was referred the letter from the City Plumbing Board concerning the fixture fee of the City of Lansing not meeting the fee required by the State Plumbing Law, reports as follows:

That the fixture fee of the City be changed to meet the State Plumbing Law and the request of the Plumbing Board be forwarded to the City Ordinance Committee for approval.

Carried.

The Departmental Superintendents and Building Department Inspectors were present and introduced to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

ROLAND RHEAD,  
Secretary.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings, October 2, 1957

October 2, 1957.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman Milks at 7:30 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Messrs. Milks, Reniger, Rhead, Stabler, Tietz, Walker, Woodmancy, Yanz—8.

Absent—None.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Thornton reported on the possibility of hiring an additional engineer.

It was moved and supported that the winter salting routes as recommended by the Director of Public Service be accepted for the coming season.

Motion carried.

It was moved and supported that the Director of Public Service be authorized to repair the boiler at the City Yards.

Motion carried.

It was moved and supported that Donald Busley be appointed Building Commissioner effective October 6, 1957, as per the recommendation of the Director of Public Service, at a recommended salary of \$7500.00 per year.

Motion carried.

After a discussion of the conditions at the Paulson Street Dump, it was moved and supported that the Paulson Street Dump be closed to public dumping.

Motion carried.

Mr. Thornton discussed needed public improvements.

It was moved and supported that the sidewalk rates for assessments as submitted by the City Engineer be approved.

Motion carried.

Quotations for trucks and loaders were opened and were referred to the Committee on Mobile Equipment and Maintenance and the Director of Public Service with power to act.

The Battle Creek Sidewalk Snow Ordinance was discussed and then referred to the Committee on Streets and Sidewalks for further study.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Sewers and Sewage Disposal reports as follows:

1. The Committee on Sewers and Sewage Disposal has carefully considered the problem of extending sanitary sewers to serve the area south of Mt. Hope Avenue from Waverly to Pleasant Grove Road and inasmuch as provision was made in the 1957-58 budget for this work, it is the recommendation of this Committee that the Director of Public Service proceed to obtain the necessary rights-of-way and easements for such installation. Further that the necessary steps to advertise and to receive bids for such work be taken through the City Council as soon as practical.

2. That the Board of Public Service recommend to the City Council that the sewers and drainage system for the balance of the platted area of Eton Downs Subdivision be constructed as soon as possible inasmuch as funds have been provided in the 1957-58 budget.

3. That the Board of Public Service recommend to the City Council that a sanitary sewer be constructed in Byrnes Road from Ridgefield to Aragon, as soon as the owner has deposited with the City the esti-

mated amount of money needed to cover the construction and also furnish the necessary easements required.

4. That the Board of Public Service recommend to the City Council that a relief drain be constructed in Winston Avenue from Mosley north, in accordance with the plan on file.

It was moved and supported that the

reports of the Committee on Sewers and Sewage Disposal be accepted.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 10:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND RHEAD,  
Secretary.

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

### Proceedings, October 3, 1957

October 3, 1957

City Hall Annex

Lansing, Michigan

The regular meeting of the Planning Board was called to order by the Vice-Chairman, John Brisbin, at 7:30 P.M.

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Brisbin, Leadley, Miller, Obrecht, Ridenour, Sinas and Toebe—7.

Councilmen Belen and Potter (Council Committee).

Absent: Commissioner Froh—1.

The proceedings of the regular meeting of September 5, 1957, were approved.

It was moved and supported that we recommend to the City Council that the petition by Royal W. Arend and George D. Jakeway to rezone the E. 120 ft. of the N. 50 ft. of Lot 15, Block 2, Oakcrest Subd. (3300 Block S. Cedar Street) from "F" Commercial District to "H" Light Industrial District be not granted because the establishment of a "H" Light Industrial District in this location would constitute "spot zoning" as the area is not a logical location for an Industrial District and any spot change allowing this would not be based upon a comprehensive plan.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Sinas arrived at 7:40 P.M.

It was moved and supported that we recommend to the City Council that the petition by William J. Warner to rezone property commencing 571 ft. west of the southeast corner of the south 38 acres of the S. 1/2 of the S.E. 1/4 of Section 33, T4N, of R2W, Lansing Township, (now City of Lansing), Ingham County, Michigan, thence west 213 ft., thence north parallel to the east Section line to the north line of the south 38 acres above described, thence east 213 ft., thence south to beginning (500 Block E. Jolly Road), from "A" One-Family Residence District to "D-M" Multiple Dwelling District be granted provided the extension of Wildwood Avenue be dedicated and that road access be dedicated to the west because the requested zoning is a logical use for the property in question and has the necessary area, access to major trafficway, and other features to warrant its use for multiple dwellings.

Motion carried.

Mr. Richard C. Shepler presented to the Board a petition signed by the property owners in the area stating that they have no objection to the specific use he intends to make of the property at 1412 S. Pennsylvania Avenue. It was pointed out that "D-1" Professional Offices District in this area would permit many uses which could cause a traffic problem and be detrimental to the surrounding property values.

After considerable discussion, it was moved and supported that we recommend to the City Council that the petition by Richard C. Shepler to rezone Lot 3, Block 5, Assessor's Plat #20 from "C" Two-Family Residence District to "D-1" Professional Offices District be granted.

Motion lost.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings, November 6, 1957

November 6, 1957.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman Milks at 7:30 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Messrs. Milks, Reniger, Rhead, Stabler, Tietz, Walker, Woodmancy, Yanz—8.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

### COMMUNICATIONS

It was moved and supported that inasmuch as the Board of Water & Electric Light Commissioners have changed or are changing all water meters in the Landel District served by the City of Lansing outside of the city limits to cubic feet type of meter and whereas the City has been billing for sewage rates on the basis of gallons of water used, and inasmuch as the entire balance of the City of Lansing is billed upon a percentage of the water bill, the Board of Public Service after studying the matter recommends that in the areas where unsoftened water is still served that the rate be set at 75 percent of the amount of the water bill and in the areas where softened water is served that the rate be established at 66-2/3 per cent of the water bill. These amounts are an average amount now being paid by the consumer on the basis of gallons of water used.

Carried.

Communication from the City Council regarding the vacating of Euclid Street.

Referred to Committee on Streets and Sidewalks.

Communication from the City Council regarding proposed opening of an alley South of Jerome Street.

Referred to the Committee on Streets and Sidewalks.

Letter from George Wyllie regarding repair of pump casing at Sewage Plant.

It was moved and supported that inasmuch as the pump casings for the two 2100 G.P.M. pumps at the Sewage Treatment Plant are in need of replacement and that an expenditure of \$2,700.00 is involved, we therefore recommend that this be approved and charged to the 4-D account of the Sewage Plant.

Carried.

Mr. Thornton presented the proposed six year plan for the Public Service Dept.

Referred to the Committee on Streets and Sidewalks.

It was moved and supported that a special meeting of the Board be held at 4:00 P.M., November 27, 1957.

Carried.

It was moved and supported that the Electrical and Plumbing Boards be invited to meet with this Board at its December meeting.

Carried.

It was moved and supported that the Board of Public Service recommend to the City Council that relief sewers be constructed in Reo Avenue from Island Avenue to Woodlawn, and in Sheldon Street from Maryland West.

Carried.

It was moved and supported that the Director of Public Service be instructed to include in the 1958-59 budget an item for attorney fees and professional advice for drafting ordinances and amendments to present ordinances relating to Public Service.

Carried.

By Mr. Rhead—

I move that this Board request the Mayor call a joint meeting of this Board, himself, the Executive Assistant to the Mayor, the City Attorney, and the City Council, as soon as conveniently possible, for the

purpose of arriving at a mutual understanding as to the position and purpose of this Board as created under the new charter.

Carried.

By Mr. Rhead—

Whereas, Collins E. Thornton, Director of Public Service for the City of Lansing, was, on the 25th day of September, 1957, awarded the Samuel A. Greeley Award of the American Public Works Association for proficiency in public works for the City of Lansing, and, Whereas, it is the desire

of the Board of Public Service to express their recognition of this outstanding service rendered to the City of Lansing as evidenced by the Samuel A. Greeley Service Award; That we, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Lansing, express our appreciation of his excellent service to the City of Lansing.

Carried.

Adjourned: 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND F. RHEAD,  
Secretary.



# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Special Meeting, November 27, 1957

November 27, 1957.

The Board met in special session and was called to order by Chairman Milks at 4:00 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Messrs. Milks, Reniger, Rhead, Stabler, Tietz, Walker, Woodmancy, Yanz—8.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from John Swanson asking the Board to give him permission to submit specifications for pipe bids for the coming year to the City Council for advertising.

Moved and supported that Mr. Swanson be permitted to submit pipe specifications to the City Council for bids for the coming year.

Carried.

Letter from John Swanson asking that he be allowed to request the City Council to advertise for bids for the construction of a sewer in Oak Park.

Moved and supported that Mr. Swanson be allowed to request the City Council to advertise for bids for the construction of a sewer in Oak Park.

Carried.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee on Sewers & Sewage Disposal recommend that the proposed 6 year plan for Sewers and Sewage Treatment be approved.

Moved and supported that the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Committee on Streets and Sidewalks recommend that the proposed 6 year plan be approved.

Moved and supported that the report the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Committee on Streets and Sidewalks to whom was referred the communication from the City Council regarding the opening of an alley south of Jerome Street report as follows:

That the alley south of Jerome Street from Custer Street be extended to Ferguson Street as requested by the property owners in the area, and that the city share and the property owners share of the expense should be determined by the City Council.

Moved and supported that the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Committees on Sewers and Sewage Disposal and Streets and Sidewalks recommend that the plat of Garden-Air Subdivision be accepted on presentation of petitions for grade and gravel and storm and sanitary sewers.

Moved and supported that the report of the Committee be adopted.

Carried.

Adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND F. RHEAD,  
Secretary.

# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

## Proceedings, December 4, 1957

December 4, 1957.

The Board met in regular session and was called to order by Chairman Milks at 7:30 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

Present—Messrs. Milks, Reniger, Rhead, Stabler, Tietz, Walker, Woodmancy, Yanz—8.

Also present were members of the Board of Electrical Examiners and the Board of Plumbing.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting were approved as printed.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from John Swanson requesting permission to construct a sewer on Wilson Avenue from Grandell to the East.

Moved and Supported that the Public Service Department be authorized to construct a sewer on Wilson Avenue from Grandell to the East upon approval of the City Council.

Carried.

Letter from John Swanson requesting permission to construct a sewer in the balance of the platted area of Country Club Park No. 1 Subdivision.

Moved and supported that the Public Service Department be authorized to construct sewers in the balance of the platted area of Country Club Park No. 1 Subdivision upon approval of the City Council.

Carried.

Communication from the City Council regarding the Cavanaugh Road Extension and the covering of the Holmes Drain.

Referred to the Committee on Streets and Sidewalks.—Cavanaugh Extension.

Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Sewage Disposal.—Holmes Drain Covering.

Communication from the City Council regarding a contract with the Michigan State Highway Department and the C & O Railroad relative to relocating US-27 crossing over the tracks of the C & O Railroad between Beaver and North Sts.

Referred to the Committee on Streets and Sidewalks with power to recommend their findings to the City Council following a study and a report from the City Attorney as to the legal aspects of the proposed contract.

Quotations for a pickup truck were opened and discussed.

Moved and supported that the quotation of Bud Kouts being the best and lowest quotation be accepted in the amount of \$1,221.51.

Carried.

Letter from the Michigan State Health Department concerning area wide sewage treatment.

Received and placed on file.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

A general discussion was held on the extension of Logan Street north.

Referred to the Committee on Streets and Sidewalks.

Adjourned—9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND F. RHEAD,  
Secretary.